

Attorney Docket No. 324628004US

Express Mail No. EV528707129US

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: C. ANDREW NEFF

APPLICATION NO.: 09/534,836

FILED: MARCH 24, 2000

FOR: **METHOD, ARTICLE AND APPARATUS
FOR REGISTERING REGISTRANTS, SUCH
AS VOTER REGISTRANTS**

EXAMINER: FIRMIN BACKER

ART UNIT: 3621

CONF. No: 2620

**Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement After Final
Action or Notice of Allowance but Before Payment of Issue Fee –
37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)**

Mail Stop Appeal Brief - Patents
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. Timing of Submission

This information is being filed *after* a final Office action or a Notice of Allowance, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the Issue Fee.

2. Petition – 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Applicant petitions the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this Information Disclosure Statement in light of the certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) below, and payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2).

3. Cited Information

☒ Copies of the following references are enclosed:

- ☒ All cited references
- ☐ References marked by asterisks
- ☐ The following:

- ☐ Copies of the following references can be found in parent U.S. Application No.
- ☐ All cited references
 - ☐ References marked by asterisks
 - ☐ The following:
- ☐ This application was filed after 30 June 2003 and no copies of U.S. patents nor published applications are enclosed (See Notice of Deputy Commissioner Kunin on 11 July 2003).

4. Effect of Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h))

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the cited information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. In addition, applicant does not admit that any enclosed item of information constitutes prior art to the subject invention and specifically reserves the right to demonstrate that any such reference is not prior art.

5. Certification Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (check one)

- ☐ In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information submitted herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to this filing of this statement; or
- ☒ In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), the undersigned hereby states that no item of information submitted herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, or, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c), more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

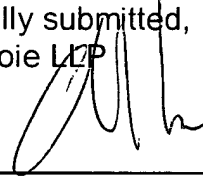
6. Fee Payment – 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2)

- ☒ A check is enclosed including the Information Disclosure Statement Fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).
- ☐ Please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0665; this paper is provided in triplicate.
- ☒ Please charge any underpayment for timely filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

7. Patent Term Adjustment (37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d))

- ☐ The undersigned states that each item of information submitted herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d).

Respectfully submitted,
Perkins Coie LLP



Date: August 17, 2004

Christopher J. Daley-Watson
Registration No. 34,807

Correspondence Address:

Customer No. 25096
Perkins Coie LLP
P.O. Box 1247
Seattle, Washington 98111-1247
(206) 359-8000



EXPRESS MAIL NO. EV528707129US

PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	09/534,836-Conf. #2620
				Filing Date	March 24, 2000
				First Named Inventor	C. A. Neff
				Art Unit	3621
				Examiner Name	F. Backer
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	324628004US

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US-6,021,200	02-01-2000	Fischer, Jean-Bernard	
		US-6,550,675	04-22-2003	Davis et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--